

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. India-China

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Chinese have begun to pull their troops back as they declared they would.

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b. What the Indians have seen so far is some thinning out in the Chinese forces at various points along the line accompanied by truck movements.

c. Yesterday's announcement from Peiping that the withdrawal would begin on schedule made it clear to the Indians that the movement would be slow, careful, and could be easily reversed if the Indians acted up.

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2. Congo

a. Adoula, down-at-the-mouth over his parliamentary difficulties and not helped by the serious illness of his wife, is talking about resigning before the end of the year or sooner unless there is a breakthrough on Katanga.

b. He is under pressure from his political opponents to release Gizenga and is very close to giving in. The threat of a new motion of censure in the parliament is forcing his hand.

c. The UN is developing a show of force in Elisabethville. (We have no evidence to indicate that it has anything more than that in mind, but a tinder-box atmosphere will be created.)

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d. Tshombé's response to the pressures building up against him is the threat of a scorched-earth policy. He says that he can, and will, demolish transport and industry throughout Katanga if the UN closes in on him.

e. In Brussels, Spaak has secured cabinet approval for the agreement worked out in the US. He is planning a presentation to the Belgian senate early next week.

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3. Disarmament Conference

a. The US delegation at Geneva has agreed to meet with the Canadian, UK and Italian delegation on Monday to discuss the Canadian nuclear test ban proposal handed in yesterday.

b. The Canadian proposal calls for a moratorium on underground tests while a treaty is being negotiated. It would run for six months, to be renewed thereafter for 3-month periods by mutual agreement.

c. In the meantime, an interim Scientific Commission, on which all of the Geneva participants would be represented, would be set up to receive petitions concerning "doubtful" seismic events.

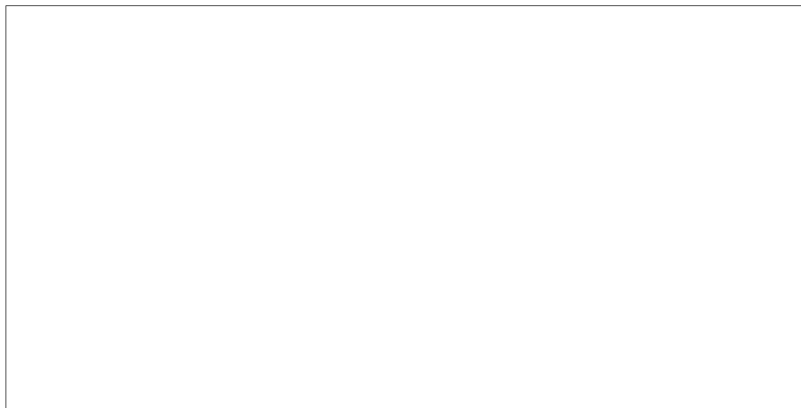
d. The country where the event takes place either allows an investigation, including on-site inspection, or demonstrates "to the satisfaction of two-thirds of the members of the Commission that it was not a nuclear test."

e. If neither of these things happens, the other parties can give notice of withdrawal from the arrangement.

4. Laos

a. The Pathet Lao are losing no opportunity to remind Souvanna that his neutralist following is divided and that parts of it are more responsive to Communist direction than to his.

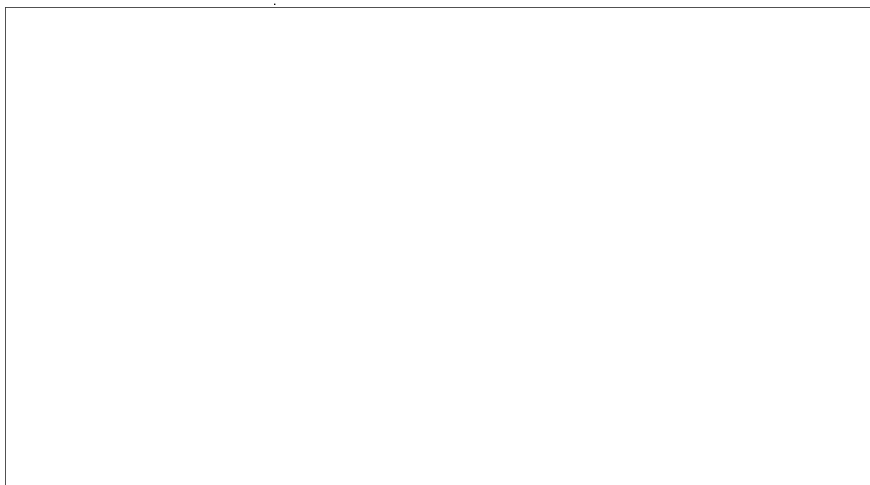
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c. In Moscow, Phoumi says that he has a Soviet pledge of a 200-bed hospital, \$35 million toward construction of a hydroelectric dam, and the most powerful radio station in the area.

5. West Germany



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6. USSR-Iraq

a. Moscow has begun delivery on some of the advanced military equipment pledged to Iraq in the arms deal signed in October 1961.

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c. A large contingent of Soviet technicians is on hand to give missile training courses and to make surveys for the four SAM installations scheduled to be put in near Baghdad sometime next year.

7. Indonesia

a. The Indonesian army expects Sukarno's approval within a couple of weeks for a broad civic action program which it considers crucial in holding down Communist influence.

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b. [] the army's [] infantry battalions, plus units from the other services, would take part in a variety of rural reconstruction and civic organization projects. Through the program, the military see a chance to overshadow the Communists where they are strongest-- at the village level.

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c. Although Sukarno can be counted on to shape the program in a way that aggrandizes him as well, its conception well suits his long-time policy of balancing the military and the Communists against one another.

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C. South Africa Saboteurs are operating with increasing success against the country's communication and transportation facilities. The police suspect they are dealing with an extensive apparatus, supported by the underground Communist party, but have not been making any headway against it.

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